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In connection with the above-identified application, Applicant hereby attaches U.S. Patent Office form PTO-1449, including copies of the prior art references listed therein. Where available, U.S. counterparts are provided. These references were cited in the Japanese International Search Report dated September 9, 2003 and/or were considered prior to the initial filing. Enclosed also is a copy of the Japanese International Search Report. The claims in the present application are believed to be patentably distinguished over these references.

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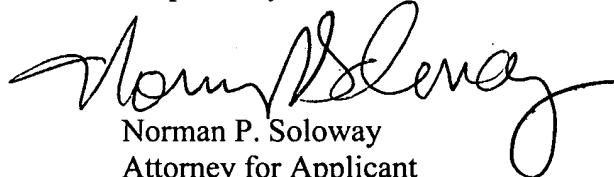
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knowledgeable about the content of the information, the undersigned attorney of record submits a copy of the Search Report by a foreign examiner in which some of the references were cited. The relevance to the pending U.S. patent application is that some of the references were cited in a foreign patent application on the same subject matter. However, no independent analysis of the references, the accuracy of the statement of the foreign examiner or the claims of the foreign application under the laws of the country or the United States relative to the subject matter claimed in the present application has been made; the present understanding of the contents thereof by the undersigned being based on the translation of the foreign examiner's comments submitted herewith.

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